

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
JANUARY 14, 2014

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members are present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Council President Duckwall turned the meeting over to Vice-President McAuliffe. Councilman McAuliffe asked for nominations for the office of President of the Council. Councilman Hunt nominated Councilman Duckwall for President. Councilman Boyer 2nd the nomination and it passed 6-0-1 (Duckwall abstained).

Councilman McAuliffe turned the meeting back over to President Duckwall.

President Duckwall asked for nominations for Vice-President of the Council. Councilman Boyer nominated Councilman Wiles for Vice-President of the Council. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the nomination. Councilwoman Mull moved the nominations be closed. The motion to appoint Councilman Wiles as Vice President of the Council passed 6-0-1 (Wiles abstained).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Harp to the following committees.

- *Historical Society
- *Tax Abatement
- *Jail Committee
- *EMA

Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Harp abstained).

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to appoint Councilman Duckwall to the following committees.

- *Budget and Wage
- *Dukes Healthcare Foundation
- *MCEDA Liaison

Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Boyer made a motion to appoint Councilman Hunt to the following committees.

- *Extension Advisory Board
- *County Planning Commission
- *Local Coordinating Council

Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to appoint Councilman McAuliffe to the following committees.

- *Enhanced 9-1-1
- *Community Corrections
- *Tax Abatement
- *MCEDA Liaison

Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (McAuliffe abstained).

Councilwoman Harp made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Mull to the following committees.

- *Solid Waste
- *Four County Counseling

*Jail Committee

Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Mull abstained).

Councilman Hunt made a motion to appoint Councilman Wiles to the following committees.

*Enhance 9-1-1

*Dukes Healthcare Foundation

*North Central Indiana Regional Committee

*Ambulance Advisory Board

*Budget and Wage

Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to appoint Councilman Boyer to the following committees.

*Middle Eel River Watershed

*Courthouse Security

Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Boyer abstained).

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to appoint Jeff Price as Council Attorney. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to appoint James Wilson to the ABC Board. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to appoint Gary Hawley and Linda Garber to the PTABOA Board. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Miami Regional Sewer Board Appointment – There was some confusion regarding the appointment to the Miami Sewer Board. The Council had appointed Vicki Herrel the last time and the Board of Commissioners appointed her last week to fill the spot vacated by Ken Scott. Mr. Todd, Sewer Board, stated the Sewer Board had a recommendation for the appointment. Dave Hamby and Becky Hodson also expressed interest in the appointment to the Sewer Board. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to table until next month. This was tabled till next month.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to set the 3rd Tuesday of every month as the meeting date and 7p.m. as the time. The meetings will take place in the G.A.R. room of the Miami County Courthouse.

MINUTES

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the December minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

C.E.D.I.T.

The Miami County Commissioners came before the Council in December and asked for their support to request a \$55,000 appropriation from C.E.D.I.T. funds for updating the Miami County Comprehensive Plan. Jim Tidd, MCEDA, spoke to the Council about the importance of the Comprehensive Plan. It will be crucial to the 31 project (and access points), the Stellar Community program for the City of Peru, and the Grissom Federal Aviation Plan. The cost of the Comprehensive Plan is \$74,000 and the City of Peru has agreed to pay a portion of the cost.

Councilman Wiles asked about the timeframe for the plan. The comprehensive plan needs to be updated every 5 years and replaced every 15 years.

Councilman Wiles asked if Planning and Zoning had been included from the beginning. Councilman Boyer stated that he believes that the Planning and Zoning has been stepped over in the process. Mr. Tidd said that he had personally spoken to the Planning and Zoning department. Brian Engel, Planning and Zoning asked if it was required to request bids. Mr. Tidd

stated that according to statute, you can go through the bid process or you can hire based on qualifications. They chose American Structure Point based on qualifications. Mr. Tidd would not recommend requesting bids and awarding this type of project to the lowest bidder. Tammy Gamble, Planning and Zoning stated that Joe Elmore was the head of Planning and Zoning when the last plan was done and he received a grant to do it. Mr. Tidd explained that they could apply for a grant but in order to receive a grant for this project, 51% of the County would have to be below poverty and according to the last census Miami County would not qualify. Therefore the decision was made to put the approximately \$10,000 it would take for an income study, towards the project.

Randy Hileman, Planning and Zoning, asked if there is anything the Planning and Zoning could do that would save us money on the plan. Mr. Hileman would also like to talk with Marshall County and Fulton County about their plans.

Brian Engel stated he received an e-mail from INDOT saying the project is several years out so why are we in such a hurry now. Tammy Gamble stated the Planning and Zoning department is responsible for doing the Plan. The Plan is a big undertaking and includes all of the incorporated towns not just the City of Peru. Mr. Tidd stated that it is a big undertaking and that is why we need to get moving on it. The Commissioners and Mr. Tidd are aware that the plan has to include the entire county, however the City of Peru, Economic Development and the 31 project are the most pressing issues, at the moment, and all of them require that we have an updated plan in place. In the case of 31 project, if we do not have a plan in place by the time the State makes their decision on what they are going to do, Miami County will not have any say.

President Duckwall asked what the Council wanted to do as far as approving the appropriation. Councilwoman Harp stated she would like more time to research. Councilman Boyer made a motion to table until next month. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Councilman Wiles said he was not opposed to approving the appropriation. Commissioner West said since the Council voted in December to support appropriating the money for the plan, if they decide to table the request until next month to gather more information, they should assign who is going to do what before the next meeting in order to get what they need.

Jon Faust asked Mr. Tidd what affect it would have on the 31 project if we do not have an updated plan. Mr. Tidd explained that the 31 project has been the driving force for this plan because the County needs to have a say in access points, however the land use and development has changed dramatically since the plan was created so the County is in dire need of a usable Plan.

The vote to table was passed 5-2 (Duckwall and Wiles).

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

None

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller gave the Council members a copy of his annual commissary fund report and a copy of his annual report along with a statistical data on the jail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Hodson wished to make a correction to what Chris Dodd, Secretary to the Miami Sewer Board, said earlier. Mrs. Hodson stated that Commissioner Francis said anyone could ask for consideration as an appointment to the sewer board.

Dave Hanby, who also wishes to be considered for appointment to the Miami Sewer Board,

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor